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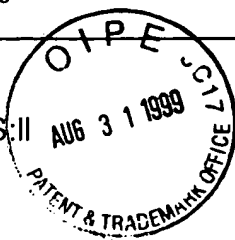
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Dear Sir:

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Re: U.S. Patent Application 08/501,743
RAAFAT E. F. FAHIM ET AL
ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINES AND METHODS OF
PREPARATION THEREOF
Group 1645; Examiner: A. Caputa

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 (c) dated August 3, 1999, submitted herewith in triplicate are an Amended Appeal Brief.

With respect to the notice, it is submitted that the issues raised have been dealt with in the following manner:

1. The status of the Amendment after Final Action submitted May 13, 1999 and entered pursuant to the Advisory Action of August 4, 1999, has been added to paragraph 7. Since the Advisory Action indicates that the rejection of claims 27 to 39 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is overcome thereby, the reference to this item as an issue has been deleted from paragraph 6 and from the Argument in paragraph 10.
2. The Summary of the Invention in paragraph 8 has been amended to refer to the specification by page and line numbers.
3. The claims appended to the Appeal Brief have been amended to reflect the amended form of claim 27.

Having regard to the Amended Appeal Brief enclosed herewith and the above comments, it is submitted that the Amended Appeal Brief fully complies with 37 CFR 1.192(c).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M.I. Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

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